

## 2012 Grants

In 2012, more funding will be available for Backyard Habitat Grants. You can submit 2012 grant applications, starting November 1 to December 15, 2011. To request an application or site visit, please contact **Carin Anderson** at (360) 337-7171 ext 22 or [carin-anderson@conservewa.net](mailto:carin-anderson@conservewa.net).

## Kitsap Conservation District and the Kitsap County SSWM Program

The Kitsap Conservation District manages the Backyard Habitat Grants, residential rain gardens, and farm management programs. Contact the Kitsap Conservation District at (360) 337-7171 and [www.kitsapcd.org](http://www.kitsapcd.org). Backyard Habitat Grants are funded under the Kitsap County Surface and Stormwater Management (SSWM) Program. SSWM protects people, property and natural resources by addressing water quality and quantity. Several agencies carry out program activities.



Native grasses planted along shoreline  
Thomas Creek, Hood Canal



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**Improve Your Backyard with a Habitat Grant!**

# Backyard Habitat Grants

Apply November 1 to December 15, 2011



Soft bank stabilization and planting, Burley Creek

**You can obtain funding for stream and shoreline restoration projects.**



# Improve Your Backyard with a Backyard Habitat Grant

Ready to restore your stream or shoreline? You can receive a grant for stream and shoreline restoration projects on private or public properties in unincorporated Kitsap County. Grants typically range from \$2,500 to \$5,000, and more funds may be available for larger projects. Individual landowners, local organizations, conservation groups and others are encouraged to apply.

## Project Types

These projects will help restore streams to natural conditions, improve fish and wildlife habitat, stabilize banks, and maintain your views and access to your shoreline:

- Planting stream side or shoreline areas with native plants
- Removing debris
- Removing undersized culverts, old dams or concrete structures to improve fish passage
- Removing noxious weeds and replacing with native plants
- Adding woody debris and stream gravel to enhance streams



Planting on Steele Creek near Burke Bay

Projects should emphasize physical implementation, and more project ideas are welcome.

## 2011 Backyard Habitat Grant Awards

In its first year, the Backyard Habitat Grant program received 11 applications for a total request of \$32,000. Six grants were awarded for a total of \$20,000. Successful projects included noxious weed removal, planting on shorelines, removing an abandoned concrete structure, and removing creosote logs. These backyard habitat projects will restore about 5 acres of sensitive stream and shoreline areas on private property. Some projects include:



Remove old concrete structure  
unnamed creek, Liberty Bay



Removed creosote logs  
and noxious weeds, Wilson Creek



Planting native trees by  
streams and shorelines

## How to Apply

- Contact Carin Anderson at the Kitsap Conservation District to discuss your project ideas and request a site visit:  
(360) 337-7171 ext. 22 or [carin-anderson@conservewa.net](mailto:carin-anderson@conservewa.net).
- Fill out an application that includes basic information about the project, anticipated timeline, and project cost.
- You can request funds for materials, landowner or contractor labor, equipment rental, and other project expenses.

## How the Grant Works

If your project is selected for a grant, the Conservation District will help you create a plan, assist with project permitting (if required), and help answer questions about project implementation.



Fall Coho Salmon

(Courtesy of Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife)